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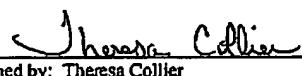
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Dear Sir:

On September 12, 2005, a phone interview was conducted between the Examiner and the undersigned to discuss the Election of Species requirement mailed on August 31, 2005.

As a result of the interview, Applicants have elected the following species for prosecution on the merits: a self-locking mechanism comprising a reverse taper portion (claim 6); a buffer outer diameter of 900 micrometers or less (claim 10), and a fiber receiving channel including a conical portion and a V-groove (claim 16).

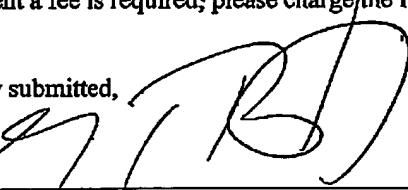
The Examiner further acknowledged that claims 21 and 22 are linking claims, and would be allowable if generic claim 1 is held to be allowable.

An examination and a notification of allowance of the pending claims is respectfully solicited.

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